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11. During an April 21 meeting with PolChief, MFA Acting Director General for Multilateral Affairs Ambassador Jovan Mirilovic promised that Serbia would give full attention and consideration to the United States' candidacy for the UN Human Rights Council (reftel). He indicated, however, that Serbia likely would adopt a formal position only on the eve of the May 12 election.

12. Mirilovic said that he would pass on the diplomatic note announcing the candidacy and the accompanying human rights pledge to the Office of the Foreign Minister and expressed hope that it would be possible for Serbia to support the U.S. in its efforts to reengage with the Human Rights Council.

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